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Dear Mr. Keane:

This is in response to your letter received 02 February 2007, inquiring about the status of U.S. Serial No. 10/587,358 received 26 July 2006. The national stage office is experiencing a twelve to fourteen month backlog at this time. Please direct all further inquiries to either Ms. Donna Greene (703) 308-9140, Ext. 222, or Ms. Terry Johnson-Vessels (703) 308-9140, Ext. 221, Supervisors of the National Phase Office.

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